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H/ Executive Secretary
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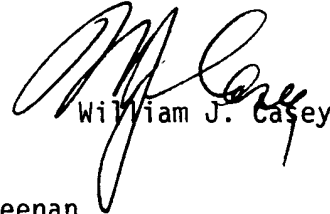
14 October 1986

Dear Mrs. Keenan,

Thanks very much for your letter and the copy of your book, Every Effort. I found my meeting with you and your colleagues very worthwhile.

I have urged that John LeBoutellier be assigned to see what he can do for this cause and I will do so again now that the President and his advisors are back from their meeting in Iceland.

Yours,



William J. Casey

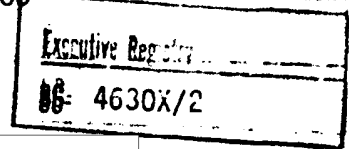
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October 6, 1986

The Honorable William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505



Attn:

Dear Mr. Casey:

Thank you very much for meeting with John LeBoutillier
and the rest of our group last Thursday morning.

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As promised, I am enclosing a personal copy of my book
EVERY EFFORT. I hope you will enjoy reading it. The book is my
way of focusing attention on the tragedy of the men left behind in
communist prisons in Southeast Asia.

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I firmly believe that Henry Kissinger is responsible for
leaving these POWs held in Laos out of the peace accord of 1973.
None of the administrations since then have publicly admitted this,
nor have they explained what happened to these prisoners after 1973.

I do not understand why thousands of live sighting reports
and hundreds of eyewitness reports do not constitute enough evidence
to allow initiation of negotiation for the release of these captured
men. Surely if there were as many reports of Americans being held
prisoner in any other part of the world where servicemen were known
to have been captured our country would feel compelled to free them.

I realize that your agency is an implementor of policy
rather than an instigator of policy. I did feel a sincerity on your
part however during our discussion; I believe you would honestly
like to do something about these captive military men. Perhaps as
a respected member of this administration you will be able to convey
that concern to others.

The lives of these men - however many are still alive -
have always been pre-empted by more "immediate" problems. Evidently
politicians at either end of the political spectrum have not seen
this as an easily solved issue. With a particular lack of courage
they have instead avoided dealing with it if possible. Maybe this is
why I respect John LeBoutillier. His passionate involvement with this
cause has not enhanced his political career nor endeared him to some
leaders of his own party. Yet he perseveres. His plan to find a face
saving way for our country and Laos to return these men for some form
of reparation is workable. He knows who to deal with in that country.
His is a much needed fresh approach and I hope he will be given a chance
to implement it.

Thank you again for graciously allowing us to meet with you.

Sincerely,

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